GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL AND STATE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Women is conducting regular sittings;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years,

(c) whether the cases registered with the National Commission for Women (NCW) are being disposed of promptly,

(d) if so, the details thereof,

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) the number of cases registered with and disposed of by the State Commissions for Women as well as the National Commission for Women during each of the last three years, State-wise,

(g) whether the Government is likely to take initiative with regard to the demand of the NCW for setting up of fast track courts;

(h) if so, the details thereof;

(i) if not, the reasons therefor;

(j) whether all the State level Commissions are functioning in all States, and

(k) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a)&(b) The National Commission for Women has informed that efforts are made to hold maximum number of meetings of the Commission, amid discharge of Commission`s other functions. 35 meetings of the Commission were held in the last 3 years.

(c),(d)&(e) According to the Commission, the complaints are normally being addressed by the Commission promptly but the disposal of complaints mainly depends upon the action taken by the concerned state authorities.

(f) The information pertaining to the National Commission for Women as furnished by the Commission is as under:-

Sl.No.	Year	No.of Complaints received	No.of Complaints on which action has been taken	Not Mandate& Closed Cases
1.	2004	5,760	3,358	2,402
2.	2005	11,610	6,629	4,454
3.	2006	12,960	7,201	4,842
4.	2007	3,614 (as on 31.3.2007)	1,112	514

Information in respect of State Commissions for Women is not maintained by the Government.

(g),(h)&(i) Department of Justice is implementing a scheme of Fast Track Courts (FTCs). Eleventh Finance Commission had recommended setting up of 1734 FTCs in the States to dispose of sessions cases pending for more than two years, out of which 1562 courts were functional as on 31.3.2005. On the expiry of the term of these FTCs on 31 3.2005, the Central Government approved continuation of existing Fast Track Courts at a cost of Rs.509 crore for a period of five years i.e upto 31.3.2010.

Taking into account the distress of senior citizens, women and disabled litigants in regular courts, the Minister of Law & Justice had addressed a communication dated 10.7.2003 to Chief Ministers of all States and Chief Justices of all High Courts to earmark one Fast Track Court in each district for disposal of cases involving abuse of women, senior citizens and the disabled.

(j)&(k) The National Commission for Women exercises no supervision on the functioning of the State level Commissions which are independent of the Commission and fall under the purview of the states.